

University of Sydney offers Australia's first part-time medical degree

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The University of Sydney will offer its medical students the chance to study the Doctor of Medicine degree on a part-time basis, the first university in Australia to do so.

The part-time option will begin in 2027 and will initially be available to students entering their third year, allowing them to complete Year 3 over two academic years. If successful, the university plans to extend the scheme in the future years.

Students will be able to apply for the part-time option in June 2026, and, if successful, begin their studies in January 2027. They will complete the same curriculum and assessments as full-time students, but over an extended timeframe.

The initial implementation will occur at Westmead Clinical School and the School of Rural Health in Dubbo, with future expansion planned across other years of the programme.

The change reflects the university's commitment to equity and inclusion, and is the culmination of several years of collaboration to design a curriculum that allows flexibility while considering clinical training requirements.